AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Once the competition is brought in the insurance sector, it is expected that earnings from the insurance premium would substantially increase and the inflation adjusted premium amount would be 40 to 45 billion dollars for the period of next five years. A substantial amount of the additional funds generated would be available for infrastructure investments especially from the life insurance and pension, sector.

**Delay in Infrastructure Projects**

1072. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 110 projects in the core sector, which is 50% of the total 221 projects in the Central Sector, were delayed;

(b) whether of these, 84 per cent were from the infrastructure sector;

(c) whether besides the above, 58 projects are without a date of commissioning;

(d) what are the reasons for these delays; and

(e) what action Government are taking to expedite the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As on June, 1998, out of 221 projects, 110 projects in the core sector were delayed. Of these, 84% were from the infrastructure sector and 58 projects did not have any date of commissioning.

(d) The reasons for delay vary from project to project. However, in general, the reasons for the delays include: delay in land acquisition, delay in obtaining environmental clearance, lack of supporting infrastructure, delay in tie-up of adequate funds, delay in award of contracts, failure of contractors, delay in supply of equipments and law and order problems.

(e) In order to monitor the projects to reduce cost and time overruns, the Government has taken the following measures:

(i) Setting up of an Empowered Committee in each Administrative Ministry to find out ways and means to remove bottlenecks.

(ii) Appointment of a nodal officer for projects costing Rs. 50 crore or more in each Ministry.

(iii) Periodic review of important projects by the Prime Minister's Office and the Cabinet Secretary.

(iv) Preparation of periodical reports by the Department of Programme Implementation to assist the concerned administrative ministries, Cabinet Secretariat and the Prime Minister's Office to monitor the progress of the projects costing Rs. 20 crore and above.

**वार्षिक विकास दर का आकलन**

1073. **श्री राज मोहिन्दर सिंह:**
**श्री कपिल सिब्बल:**

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि चालू वित्तीय वर्ष 1998-99 के अंत में वार्षिक विकास दर के बारे में विभिन्न आकलनकर्ताओं/मूल्यांककों ने अलग-अलग दरें आकलित की हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार ने भी हमारे देश के सकल घरेलू उत्पाद की वार्षिक दर के संबंध में कोई आकलन किया है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार का क्या आकलन है तथा यह अन्य मूल्यांककों/आकलनकर्ता द्वारा किए गए आकलन से कितना भिन्न है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री, संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री राम नाईक): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) सरकार ने हमारे देश के सकल घरेलू (देशीय) उत्पाद की वार्षिक विकास दर वर्ष 1998-99 के लिए 5.8 प्रतिशत आंकी है। अन्य अभिकरणों अर्थात राष्ट्रीय अनुप्रयुक्त आर्थिक अनुसंधान परिषद, आर्थिक विकास संस्थान—दिल्ली अर्थशास्त्र विद्यालय, आर्थिक विकास संस्थान विकास योजना केन्द्र तथा भारतीय अर्थ-व्यवस्था निगरानी केन्द्र ने इसे अपने मूल्यांकनों में क्रमशः 5.3 प्रतिशत 6.1 प्रतिशत 5.00 प्रतिशत तथा 4.5 प्रतिशत दिया है।

**Procurement of Cryogenic Space Rocket Engines**

1074. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made in pursuance of the deal for procurement of cryogenic space rocket engines from Russia to India; and

(b) how far, if at all, the delay in supply thereof has affected the space programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) and (b) As per the modified agreement between ISRO and Glavkosmos, Russia, Glavkosmos has to supply a technological mock-up for ground use, a propellant filling mock-up for cryogenic stage filling trials before launch and 7 flight stages.

So far, technological mock-up and propellant filling mock-up and one flight stage have been received in India. The first flight stage has been received in september 1998 as against December 1996, envisaged at the time of modification of the agreement. Considering the amount of work involved in preparing the cryo stage for launch, the first flight of Geo-synchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) is now slated for the last quarter of 1999 on a success-oriented schedule.

**Assistance to Manipur under Command Area Development Programme**

1075. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted to Manipur State under the Command Area Development Programme during the last five years;

(b) the details of programmes formulated under this scheme for all the districts of Manipur for current year; and

(c) by when these programmes are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) An amount of Rs. 496.72 lakh has been released as central assistance during the last five years with effect from 1993-94 to 1997-98 to the Government of Manipur under the Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme;

(b) Four irrigation projects of Manipur State are covered under the Centrally Sponsored Command Area Development Programme. The detail is given as under: